

elf Only

Like most young adults, as we teenagers like to be called, I wish I had more money to do what I please with. If only I had this and if only I had that... But if I did have a particularly large sum of money, I would go to Paris, France. I would book the best flight and stay in the most expensive hotel. After all these years of wanting to see the Eiffel Tower, I would! It would be great. I can see it now...

I fly over to Paris with a happy grin shining on my face. I can almost bet my happiness is contagious. I have my schedule all planned out. And the first thing I would do is go to see the Eiffel Tower. I can see it, with its looming shadowy figure looking down on me. As my eyes the light hits it just right so were it looks like it's smiling for the busy tourists and their cameras. But I don't need a camera, I'm storing all my memories in my heart.

Second, I would take long strolls down the busy streets and soak up everything in sight. The restaurants, the automobiles, and especially the people. I feel as if I could spend days and days just searching for more and more interesting faces to put into my memory. I would just be ambling down the street and see a restaurant, and I'd go in. I haven't heard much about French food, but I expect it to be delicious. So with my stomach full and my heart warmed, I move on to my next ambition.

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Next, I would go to the Operas. See all the majestic
lancers and hear the rich baritone and soprano voices. I
have always wanted to go and see the original building that hosted
the Phantom of the Opera; so I would spend a considerable
amount of time there. And maybe I would walk down to the
shore of a lake and write down in a diary how marvelous
my life must be for me to be able to come here. And think about
what more life must have in store for me.

But for right now I will settle for my Tennessee
home. I'll be thankful for what God gave me. And everyday
when I wake up and go outside, I'll quietly whisper
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Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer's reasons for choosing to visit Paris are specific and well developed (to see the Eiffel Tower, to soak up the sights, and to go to the operas). Narrative elements and imagery (my happiness is contagious, looming, shadowy figure, ambling down the street, and rich baritone and soprano voices) clearly display syntactic variety and facility in the use of language. In addition, the introduction and conclusion are effective. The response is well organized and unified.



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